

REMARKS

With the present amendments, Applicants have canceled claims 1-12. New claims 13-27 have been added.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to the specification and indicated that the abstract uses improper language. Applicants have submitted a substitute specification, including amendments to the Abstract, which accords with 37 C.F.R. §§1.71-1.74 and addresses the objections of the Examiner. No new matter has been added

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 10-11 have been canceled, and the rejections are therefore moot.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9, 11 and 12 have been canceled, and the provisional rejections are therefore moot. Further, each of the pending claims of copending application 10/505,469 have been canceled, and new claims have been added to clarify the claim language. Thus, Applicants submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101 are moot in view of the present amendments and the amendments submitted in the copending application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 8-10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Navas (U.S. Patent No. 5,375,823). As noted, claims 1-12 have been canceled, and the rejections under §103 are therefore moot. Applicants submit that new claims 13-27 are patentable over Navas.


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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